

# Sonoma Clean Power Update

## Welcome to the Sonoma Clean Power Monthly Update

Sonoma Clean Power is a community choice aggregation (CCA) program currently undergoing investigation and development through the Sonoma County Water Agency. CCA programs allow cities and counties to form a service area to purchase and deliver electricity to their residents. Sonoma Clean Power is being studied because it may provide multiple benefits including offering a cleaner electricity supply as well as developing local renewable energy projects.

The purpose of this monthly newsletter is to provide a regular stream of information regarding the CCA effort to the public and interested parties. We thank you for your interest in this project and please let us know if you have any feedback.

## 18 Responses Received to the Request for Information:

A Request for Information (RFI) from potential power suppliers for Sonoma Clean Power was issued in June. The RFI requested information from companies on experience, efficiency programs, financing mechanisms and other services that would be required to help shape the SCP implementation plan. 18 responses were received and evaluated. Interviews of highly ranked respondents will be conducted in early September.

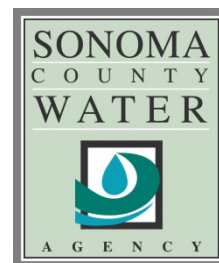
## Implementation Plan in Preparation:

An Implementation Plan is currently being prepared and a draft is scheduled for release in October. The Implementation Plan is essentially a business plan for Sonoma Clean Power and will outline program financials, operations and timelines. Next month's newsletter will provide further updates on the status of this document.

## What is a Joint Powers Authority?

A Joint Powers Authority (JPA) is an entity formed by two or more public authorities for the purpose of acting collectively towards a common purpose. JPAs are governed by a Board of Directors comprised of representatives from the entities which make up the JPA. As a governance entity for Sonoma Clean Power, a JPA would have the advantage of protecting the local jurisdictions' current general funds from any liability or debt incurred by the JPA. Currently a draft JPA structure is under review by potential Sonoma Clean Power participants.

## Local CCA News:



## Upcoming Public Presentations

**September 4 at 6pm** - City of Sebastopol

**September 24 at 7pm** - City of Petaluma

For more information, contact [Amy Bolten](#).

## Follow-up Links

[AB 117](#)  
[SB 790](#)  
[Feasibility study](#)  
[Residential market survey](#)  
[Commercial market survey](#)  
[July Newsletter](#)  
[June Newsletter](#)  
[General Information](#)

## Project Timeline

**March 22, 2011** - Board of Directors directs staff to investigate the creation of a CCA

**October 13, 2011** - Feasibility Study Completed

**April 10, 2012** - Board of Directors directs Water Agency to prepare an implementation plan and pursue the formation of a JPA

# Marin Energy Authority's Efficiency Plan Approved by CPUC

The California Public Utilities Commission has approved Marin Energy Authority's (MEA) Energy Efficiency Program Plan. This plan outlines a series of efficiency program elements including multifamily housing programs, on-bill financing, standard contracts and coordination with PG&E's Energy Watch along with other efficiency opportunities. MEA's draft plan is located at the following link.

[http://www.marinenergyauthority.com/PDF/6.20.12\\_Special\\_Meeting\\_Packet.pdf](http://www.marinenergyauthority.com/PDF/6.20.12_Special_Meeting_Packet.pdf).

**July, 2012** - Draft JPA to cities and county for review

## Projected Milestone Dates:

**September 2012** - Potential power providers interviewed

**October 2012** - Draft Implementation Plan recieved

**March 2013** - Form JPA

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## *CCAs Around the Country:* Cape Light Compact in Operation Since 1997

In 1997 Cape Light Compact (CLC) was formed to provide lower electricity costs and advance the interest of consumers. CLC is a community choice aggregation entity serving 200,000 residents in all 21 towns of Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard. A public entity, CLC is run by a Board representing all 21 municipalities in their service area and provides a wide range of services including a green energy power option and multiple energy efficiency programs. For more information about Cape Light Compact visit. <http://www.capelightcompact.org/>.